Expenditure on Navodaya Vidyalayas

1441. SHRI T.T.V DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the expenditure incurred on Navodaya Vidyalayas during the past three years; year-wise;

(b) the States where Navodaya Vidyalayas have not been set up so far; and

(c) whether Government would reconsider the language policy in respect of the Navodaya Vidyalayas to accommodate the views of non Hindi speaking States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD.ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) The details of expenditure incurred on Navodaya Vidyalayas during the past three years (2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05) are given below:—

(Rupees in crores)

Year	Expenditure Incurred		
	Non-Plan	Plan	Total
2002-2003	121.04	361.33	482.37
2003-2004	130.24	424.44	554.68
2004-2005	145.20	442.02	587.22

(b) Navodaya Vidyalayas have not been set up so far in the State of Tamil Nadu.

(c) No, Sir.

Practice of Sati

1442. SHRI EKANATH. K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that it has been eighteen years since the Commission of Sati (Prevention) Act was passed, but Sati is still a way of life in Rajasthan; and

(b) if so, the steps the Government propose to take to stop this heinous practice?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Irregularities in Entrance Tests

1443. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:
SHRI AMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there have been a lot of irregularities in the recent entrance test conducted by the Delhi College of Engineering and Netaji Subhash Institute of Technology wherein more than 1000 students figure in the merit list;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken against the guilty person; and

(c) whether the result of test has not been cancelled and if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (c) According to the information furnished by the University of Delhi, in the Combined Entrance Examination—2005 conducted by the University it was detected that in 21 cases the candidates had got exactly the same marks in their Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics papers, giving rise to suspicion that there was foul play or unfair means in the test. The University, therefore, entrusted an inquiry in the matter to the CBI who, after preliminary investigation, registered an FIR.

In the meanwhile, in a Writ Petition field in the High Court of Delhi, the Hon'ble court passed an order on 25th July, 2005 in which it cancelled the candidature of the 33 successful candidates who had been impleaded by the CBI.